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Security Council. Its size, role in the world, its economy, its contribution to UN peace keeping, all these make it a very serious and strong contender". The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary of the UK, during a visit to India, said that he sees "India as a natural contender for permanent membership of the UN Security Council".

(b) The composition of the ten non permanent members in the Security Council changes annually since five such members are elected every year by the General Assembly for a term of two years. Three out of the current ten non permanent members of the UN Security Council have indicated their support for India's candidature for permanent membership of the UN Security Council.

Social risk management system for calamities

***27. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to protect the poor from calamities like earthquake, the World Bank has asked the South Asian countries including India, to put in place a social risk management system;

(b) if so, whether the World Bank has also suggested that Government should establish sound banking systems and non-inflationary policies to manage risks better;

(c) if so, whether Government have considered the views of the World Bank in this regard; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) This Ministry has not received any such proposal from the World Bank.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.